

What is claimed is:

1 1. A reception apparatus which receives and reproduces
2 scrambled content, comprising:

3 reception means for receiving the scrambled content,
4 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
5 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion
6 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a
7 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
8 of scrambled content, and at least one piece of storage
9 information in which a list including all descrambling keys
10 to be used for descrambling the scrambled content is
11 embedded;

12 storage means for storing the received scrambled
13 content and the storage information;

14 list extraction means for extracting the list from
15 the stored storage information;

16 descramble processing means for (a) extracting the
17 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
18 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
19 corresponding to the predetermined unit of scrambled
20 content from the extracted list, and (c) descrambling the
21 extracted predetermined unit of scrambled content using
22 the extracted descrambling key; and

23 reproduction means for reproducing the predetermined
24 unit of descrambled content in the descrambled order.

1 2. The reception apparatus of Claim 1, wherein

2 the reception means receives one piece of storage
3 information in which the list is embedded,
4 the storage means stores the received scrambled
5 content and the one piece of storage information, and
6 the list extraction means extracts the list from the
7 stored one piece of storage information.

1 3. The reception apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
2 the reception means receives a plurality of pieces
3 of storage information in each piece of which a divided
4 portion of the list is embedded,
5 the storage means stores the received scrambled
6 content and the plurality of pieces of storage information,
7 and
8 the list extraction means extracts the list from the
9 stored plurality of pieces of storage information.

1 4. The reception apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
2 the reception means sequentially receives a
3 transport stream (TS) packet including the predetermined
4 unit of scrambled content,
5 the storage means sequentially stores the received
6 TS packet, wherein
7 the descramble processing means includes:
8 scrambled content extraction means for extracting
9 the predetermined unit of scrambled content from one of
10 the TS packets stored in the storage means, and counting

11 the ordinal position of the TS packet from the leading TS
12 packet;
13 descrambling key extraction means for extracting a
14 descrambling key from the list, based on the counted
15 ordinal position; and
16 descrambling means for descrambling the extracted
17 predetermined unit of scrambled content using the
18 extracted descrambling key.

1 5. The reception apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
2 the reception means receives at least one storage
3 Entitlement Control Message (ECM) as the at least one piece
4 of storage information, the list being embedded in a
5 portion to be encoded in the main body of the ECM,
6 the storage means stores the received storage ECMs,
7 and
8 the list extraction means interprets the stored
9 storage ECMs to extract the list.

1 6. The reception apparatus of Claim 5, wherein
2 the reception means receives the storage ECMs
3 including identifying information for distinguishing the
4 storage ECMs from another type of ECM.

1 7. The reception apparatus of Claim 5, wherein
2 the reception means receives the storage ECMs at a
3 time.

1 8. The reception apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
2 the reception means sequentially receives a TS packet
3 including (a) the predetermined unit of scrambled content
4 and (b) packet specifying information for specifying an
5 unscrambled TS packet, and
6 the storage means sequentially stores the received
7 TS packet, wherein
8 the descramble processing means includes:
9 scrambled content extraction means for extracting
10 the predetermined unit of scrambled content and the packet
11 specifying information from one of the TS packets stored
12 in the storage means;
13 descrambling key extraction means for extracting a
14 descrambling key from the list, based on the extracted
15 packet specifying information; and
16 descrambling means for descrambling the extracted
17 predetermined unit of scrambled content using the
18 extracted descrambling key.

1 9. The reception apparatus of Claim 8, wherein
2 the packet specifying information is one of
3 Continuity Counter (CC), the number of TS packets, a
4 cumulative amount of data, a relative reproduction time,
5 and a scrambling key identifier,
6 the scrambled content extraction means extracts, as
7 the packet specifying information, one of the Continuity

8 Counter (CC), the number of TS packets, the cumulative
9 amount of data, the relative reproduction time, and the
10 scrambling key identifier, and

11 the descrambling key extraction means performs a
12 predetermined operation to the extracted information as
13 the packet identifying information to generate a
14 descrambling key identifier, and extracts a descrambling
15 key from the list based on the descrambling key identifier.

1 10. The reception apparatus of Claim 1, wherein
2 the reception means sequentially receives a TS packet
3 including (a) the predetermined unit of scrambled content
4 and (b) unscrambled I picture information, wherein the I
5 picture information indicates whether the TS packet
6 corresponding to the information consists of a portion of
7 an I picture/an I picture or not, and

8 the storage means sequentially stores the received
9 TS packet, wherein

10 the descramble processing means includes:
11 scrambled content extraction means for, when
12 performing particular reproduction processes, extracting
13 the predetermined unit of scrambled content and I picture
14 information from one of the TS packets stored in the storage
15 means;

16 I picture judgement means for judging whether the
17 extracted predetermined unit of scrambled content consists
18 of a portion of an I picture/an I picture or not, based

19 on the extracted I picture information;
20 descrambling key extraction means for extracting a
21 descrambling key from the list, only when the extracted
22 predetermined unit of scrambled content consists of a
23 portion of an I picture/an I picture; and
24 descrambling means for descrambling the extracted
25 predetermined unit of scrambled content using the
26 extracted descrambling key.

1 11. The reception apparatus of Claim 1 further managing
2 contract information and consisting of a security module
3 whose portion does not effectively function if a contract
4 has not been made, and other modules, the reception
5 apparatus further comprising:
6 list holding means for holding the list extracted by
7 the list extraction means,
8 wherein the list extraction means and the list
9 holding means are provided within the security module.

1 12. A reception apparatus which receives and reproduces
2 scrambled content, comprising:
3 reception means for receiving the scrambled content,
4 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
5 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion
6 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a
7 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
8 of scrambled content, and a descrambling key is attached

9 to each predetermined unit of scrambled content;
10 storage means for storing the received scrambled
11 content;
12 list generation means for, when/after storing the
13 received scrambled content by the storage means,
14 generating a list including all descrambling keys to be
15 used for descrambling the scrambled content, based on the
16 descrambling key attached to each predetermined unit of
17 scrambled content;
18 descramble processing means for (a) extracting the
19 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
20 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
21 corresponding to the extracted predetermined unit of
22 scrambled content from the generated list, and (c)
23 descrambling the extracted predetermined unit of scrambled
24 content using the extracted descrambling key; and
25 reproduction means for reproducing the predetermined
26 unit of descrambled content in the descrambled order.

1 13. The reception apparatus of Claim 12, wherein
2 the reception means sequentially receives a TS packet
3 including (a) the predetermined unit of scrambled content,
4 and (b) auxiliary information including a descrambling key
5 and information for associating the descrambling key with
6 scrambled content,
7 the storage means sequentially stores the received
8 TS packet, and

9 the list generation means generates the list, based
10 on the auxiliary information.

1 14. The reception apparatus of Claim 13, wherein
2 the TS packet includes an ECM, the auxiliary
3 information being embedded in a portion to be encoded in
4 a main body of the ECM, and
5 the list generation means extracts the auxiliary
6 information embedded in the ECM, and generates the list
7 based on the auxiliary information.

1 15. A broadcast apparatus which scrambles content and
2 broadcasts the scrambled content to a reception apparatus,
3 the broadcast apparatus comprising:

4 acquisition means for acquiring content to be
5 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;
6 scramble processing means for scrambling a
7 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
8 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
9 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
10 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
11 predetermined units;

12 attaching means for attaching auxiliary information
13 to the predetermined unit of scrambled content, the
14 auxiliary information consisting of (a) information for
15 identifying the scrambled content and (b) a descrambling
16 key corresponding to the content, and used for having the

17 reception apparatus generate a list of the descrambling
18 keys; and
19 broadcast means for broadcasting the scrambled
20 content to which the auxiliary information is added.

1 16. The broadcast apparatus of Claim 15, wherein
2 the attaching means embeds the auxiliary information
3 in a portion to be encoded in a main body of an ECM and
4 attaches the ECM to the predetermined unit of scrambled
5 content.

1 17. A broadcast apparatus which scrambles content and
2 broadcasts the scrambled content to a reception apparatus,
3 the broadcast apparatus comprising:

4 acquisition means for acquiring content to be
5 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;

6 list generation means for generating a list of the
7 descrambling keys;

8 embedding means for embedding the list in at least
9 one piece of predetermined information to generate at least
10 one piece of storage information;

11 scramble processing means for scrambling a
12 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
13 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
14 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
15 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
16 predetermined units; and

17 broadcast means for broadcasting the generated
18 storage information and the scrambled content.

1 18. The broadcast apparatus of Claim 17, wherein
2 the embedding means embeds the list in one piece of
3 predetermined information to generate one piece of storage
4 information, and
5 the broadcasting means broadcasts the generated one
6 piece of information and the scrambled content.

1 19. The broadcast apparatus of Claim 17, wherein
2 the embedding means embeds a divided portion of the
3 list in each of a plurality of pieces of predetermined
4 information to generate a plurality of pieces of storage
5 information, and
6 the broadcasting means broadcasts the generated
7 plurality of pieces of storage information and the
8 scrambled content.

1 20. The broadcast apparatus of Claim 17, wherein
2 the embedding means embeds the list in a portion to
3 be encoded in a main body of at least one ECM to generate
4 at least one piece of storage information.

1 21. The broadcast apparatus of Claim 17, wherein
2 the broadcast means broadcasts one set of the storage
3 information while all the scrambled content corresponding

4 to the storage information are broadcast once.

1 22. A program used for a reception apparatus which
2 receives and reproduces scrambled content, the program has
3 the reception apparatus conduct the following steps of:

4 a reception step for receiving the scrambled content,
5 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
6 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion
7 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a
8 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
9 of scrambled content, and at least one piece of storage
10 information in which a list including all descrambling keys
11 to be used for descrambling the scrambled content is
12 embedded;

13 a storage step for storing the received scrambled
14 content and the storage information;

15 a list extraction step for extracting the list from
16 the stored storage information;

17 a descramble processing step for (a) extracting the
18 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
19 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
20 corresponding to the predetermined unit of scrambled
21 content from the extracted list, and (c) descrambling the
22 extracted predetermined unit of scrambled content using
23 the extracted descrambling key; and

24 a reproduction step for reproducing the
25 predetermined unit of descrambled content in the

26 descrambled order.

1 23. A program used for a reception apparatus which
2 receives and reproduces scrambled content, the program has
3 the reception apparatus conduct the following steps of:
4 a reception step for receiving the scrambled content,
5 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
6 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion
7 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a
8 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
9 of scrambled content, and a descrambling key is attached
10 to each predetermined unit of scrambled content;

11 a storage step for storing the received scrambled
12 content;

13 a list generation step for, when/after storing the
14 received scrambled content in the storage step, generating
15 a list including all descrambling keys to be used for
16 descrambling the scrambled content, based on the
17 descrambling key attached to each predetermined unit of
18 scrambled content;

19 a descramble processing step for (a) extracting the
20 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
21 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
22 corresponding to the extracted predetermined unit of
23 scrambled content from the generated list, and (c)
24 descrambling the extracted predetermined unit of scrambled
25 content using the extracted descrambling key; and

26 a reproduction step for reproducing the
27 predetermined unit of descrambled content in the
28 descrambled order.

1 24. A program used for a broadcast apparatus which
2 scrambles content and broadcasts the scrambled content to
3 a reception apparatus, the program has the broadcast
4 apparatus conduct the following steps of:

5 an acquisition step for acquiring content to be
6 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;
7 a scramble processing step for scrambling a
8 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
9 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
10 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
11 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
12 predetermined units;

13 an attaching step for attaching auxiliary
14 information to the predetermined unit of scrambled content,
15 the auxiliary information consisting of (a) information
16 for identifying the scrambled content and (b) a
17 descrambling key corresponding to the content, and used
18 for having the reception apparatus generate a list of the
19 descrambling keys; and

20 a broadcast step for broadcasting the scrambled
21 content to which the auxiliary information is added.

1 25. A program used for a broadcast apparatus which

2 scrambles content and broadcasts the scrambled content to
3 a reception apparatus, the program has the broadcast
4 apparatus conduct the following steps of:

5 an acquisition step for acquiring content to be
6 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;

7 a list generation step for generating a list of the
8 descrambling keys;

9 an embedding step for embedding the list in at least
10 one piece of predetermined information to generate at least
11 one piece of storage information;

12 a scramble processing step for scrambling a
13 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
14 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
15 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
16 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
17 predetermined units; and

18 a broadcast step for broadcasting the generated
19 storage information and the scrambled content.

1 26. A recording medium on which a program used for a
2 reception apparatus which receives and reproduces
3 scrambled content is recorded, the program has the
4 reception apparatus conduct the following steps of:

5 a reception step for receiving the scrambled content,
6 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
7 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion
8 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a

9 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
10 of scrambled content, and at least one piece of storage
11 information in which a list including all descrambling keys
12 to be used for descrambling the scrambled content is
13 embedded;

14 a storage step for storing the received scrambled
15 content and the storage information;

16 a list extraction step for extracting the list from
17 the stored storage information;

18 a descramble processing step for (a) extracting the
19 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
20 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
21 corresponding to the predetermined unit of scrambled
22 content from the extracted list, and (c) descrambling the
23 extracted predetermined unit of scrambled content using
24 the extracted descrambling key; and

25 a reproduction step for reproducing the
26 predetermined unit of descrambled content in the
27 descrambled order.

1 27. A recording medium on which a program used for a
2 reception apparatus which receives and reproduces
3 scrambled content is recorded, the program has the
4 reception apparatus conduct the following steps of:

5 a reception step for receiving the scrambled content,
6 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
7 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion

8 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a
9 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
10 of scrambled content, and a descrambling key is attached
11 to each predetermined unit of scrambled content;

12 a storage step for storing the received scrambled
13 content;

14 a list generation step for, when/after storing the
15 received scrambled content in the storage step, generating
16 a list including all descrambling keys to be used for
17 descrambling the scrambled content, based on the
18 descrambling key attached to each predetermined unit of
19 scrambled content;

20 a descramble processing step for (a) extracting the
21 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
22 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
23 corresponding to the extracted predetermined unit of
24 scrambled content from the generated list, and (c)
25 descrambling the extracted predetermined unit of scrambled
26 content using the extracted descrambling key; and

27 a reproduction step for reproducing the
28 predetermined unit of descrambled content in the
29 descrambled order.

1 28. A recording medium on which a program used for a
2 broadcast apparatus which scrambles content and broadcasts
3 the content to a reception apparatus is recorded, the
4 program has the broadcast apparatus conduct the following

5 steps of:

6 an acquisition step for acquiring content to be
7 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;

8 a scramble processing step for scrambling a
9 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
10 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
11 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
12 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
13 predetermined units;

14 an attaching step for attaching auxiliary
15 information to the predetermined unit of scrambled content,
16 the auxiliary information consisting of (a) information
17 for identifying the scrambled content and (b) a
18 descrambling key corresponding to the content, and used
19 for having the reception apparatus generate a list of the
20 descrambling keys; and

21 a broadcast step for broadcasting the scrambled
22 content to which the auxiliary information is added.

1 29. A recording medium on which a program used for a
2 broadcast apparatus which scrambles content and broadcasts
3 the content to a reception apparatus is recorded, the
4 program has the broadcast apparatus conduct the following
5 steps of:

6 an acquisition step for acquiring content to be
7 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;

8 a list generation step for generating a list of the

31. A method for receiving and reproducing scrambled content, the method comprising the steps of:

- a reception step for receiving the scrambled content, wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit of scrambled content, and at least one piece of storage information in which a list including all descrambling keys to be used for descrambling the scrambled content is embedded;
- a storage step for storing the received scrambled content and the storage information;
- a list extraction step for extracting the list from the stored storage information;
- a descramble processing step for (a) extracting the predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit of scrambled content from the extracted list, and (c) descrambling the extracted predetermined unit of scrambled content using the extracted descrambling key; and
- a reproduction step for reproducing the predetermined unit of descrambled content in the descrambled order.

1 32. A method for receiving and reproducing scrambled
2 content, the method comprising the steps of:

3 a reception step for receiving the scrambled content,
4 wherein the scrambled content is scrambled so that a
5 predetermined unit of scrambled content, which is a portion
6 of the scrambled content, is descrambled using a
7 descrambling key corresponding to the predetermined unit
8 of scrambled content, and a descrambling key is attached
9 to each predetermined unit of scrambled content;

10 a storage step for storing the received scrambled
11 content;

12 a list generation step for, when/after storing the
13 received scrambled content in the storage step, generating
14 a list including all descrambling keys to be used for
15 descrambling the scrambled content, based on the
16 descrambling key attached to each predetermined unit of
17 scrambled content;

18 a descramble processing step for (a) extracting the
19 predetermined unit of scrambled content from the stored
20 scrambled content, (b) extracting a descrambling key
21 corresponding to the extracted predetermined unit of
22 scrambled content from the generated list, and (c)
23 descrambling the extracted predetermined unit of scrambled
24 content using the extracted descrambling key; and

25 a reproduction step for reproducing the
26 predetermined unit of descrambled content in the
27 descrambled order.

1 33. A method for scrambling content and broadcasting the
2 scrambled content to a reception apparatus, the method
3 comprising the steps of:

4 an acquisition step for acquiring content to be
5 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;

6 a scramble processing step for scrambling a
7 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
8 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
9 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
10 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
11 predetermined units;

12 an attaching step for attaching auxiliary
13 information to the predetermined unit of scrambled content,
14 the auxiliary information consisting of (a) information
15 for identifying the scrambled content and (b) a
16 descrambling key corresponding to the content, and used
17 for having the reception apparatus generate a list of the
18 descrambling keys; and

19 a broadcast step for broadcasting the scrambled
20 content to which the auxiliary information is added.

1 34. A method for scrambling content and broadcasting the
2 scrambled content to a reception apparatus, the method
3 comprising the steps of:

4 an acquisition step for acquiring content to be
5 scrambled and a plurality of descrambling keys;

6 a list generation step for generating a list of the
7 descrambling keys;

8 an embedding step for embedding the list in at least
9 one piece of predetermined information to generate at least
10 one piece of storage information;

11 a scramble processing step for scrambling a
12 predetermined unit of content out of the acquired content
13 so that the predetermined unit of scrambled content is
14 descrambled using a descrambling key different for each
15 predetermined unit or each set of a plurality of
16 predetermined units; and

17 a broadcast step for broadcasting the generated
18 storage information and the scrambled content.